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25 YEAR RE-REVIEW

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, PPS
FROM: Chief, LETS
SUBJECT: Weekly Activities Report

A. SIGNIFICANT ITEMS

25X1 None to report.

B. OTHER ACTIVITIES

25X1 1. [] spent several hours with officials of the American University discussing OTR use of AU space and related problems. AU proposals will be considered but it is doubted that any arrangement, under conditions desired by AU, will be acceptable. 25X1

25X1 2. [] has reported officially for duty. He now is teaching one semi-intensive course [] and two part-time courses []. An intensive, full-time course of ten months' duration [] is scheduled to begin in late May. His addition to the LETS faculty greatly broadens our competence in numbers of languages for which we can provide instruction. 25X1

3. Plans have been taken in hand by [] for an "Americans Abroad" course on [], to run for two weeks starting 7 May. An initial outline and tentative schedule will be circulated in a few days. 25X1

25X1 4. At the request of NEA, a preliminary showing of the "Middle East Film Festival" was held on 7 February. At one time, as many as [] persons were in attendance. The Festival is a series of films on the Middle East. 25X1

5. [] have discussed similarities and differences between lectures offered in the Area Training Program and those presented in the Orientation Lecture Series. The former type are part of a closely integrated course of study, will be offered periodically, and aim at more depth; the latter are offered on a more casual basis and are an adjunct to language study. The distinctions will be made clear as part of a course or lecture announcement in the near future.

6. Teaching aids will be considerably improved in the Area Training courses to begin in late March. [] shop is making a generous 25X1

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supply of View-Graph slides, particularly as an aid in map study, and the LETS Lecture Hall is being equipped with a much larger blackboard and new historical maps. A View-Lite is also available for direct projection of material from books and pamphlets.

7. Announcement of the Foreign Language Dining Room has been distributed to TLO's (copy attached).

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8. Current enrollment in internal language training programs is [] in class, and [] in self-study. During the past week, the language laboratory was used for a total of [] hours.

9. During the past week, action indicated below was taken on requests for external training:

a. Approved:

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